

132. (Amended) A method [according to claim 124 wherein said OB polypeptide variant is] for modifying the body weight of a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding a OB polypeptide variant under conditions that provide for expression of the OB variant polypeptide *in vivo*, such OB polypeptide variant capable of modulating body weight and selected from the group consisting of [the amino acid sequence set forth in]:

- a) the amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO: 5;
- b) the amino acid sequence set out in amino acids 22-166 of SEQ ID NO: 5;
- c) the amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO: 6; and
- d) the amino acid sequence set out in amino acids 22-166 of SEQ ID NO: 6.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are submitted in supplement to the Applicant's amendment mailed November 23, 1998 in response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 1998. In particular, the amendment provided to claim 132 as submitted in Applicant's amendment filed November 23 failed to properly identify amended subject matter. This Supplementary Amendment properly provides correct and proper amendment to claim 132 and Applicants request that the amendment to claim 132 provided herewith replace that earlier provided in the response mailed November 23, 1998.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition

for allowance, and reconsideration and withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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